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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 29, 2003, Applicants hereby submit replacement pages 3 - 6, i.e. the entire "Amendments to the Claims" section of the Applicants' amendment mailed December 8, 2003.

Applicants hereby request that the previously submitted "Amendments to the Claims" section be replaced by that which is enclosed herewith.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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